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It's A Texas Fact!

Folks up in the Panhandle were puzzled. Why did they have so much trouble keeping their thermometers in working order? Up there where the expression "There is nothing between us and the North Pole except a barb wire fence, and the cows kicked that down!" first originated, a thermometer is an important commodity. They were perturbed over the high mortality of thermometers. No sooner did they hang one out than it became a casualty to some eerie demon that left it shattered and the quicksilver which was the heart of the thermometer spilled over the prairie.

It finally got so bad that thermometer users and thermometer makers began to call each other names...Bad names such as crook, liar, and fraud. They all were agreed that something was wrong, and that something had to be done about it. So as usual, the government was asked to solve the mystery.

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please)

Ben Garitty Named October Member of the Month.

On the recommendation of the Work of the Department Committee the USDA Board of Directors gave the October Member of the Month Award to Mr. Benjamin J. Garitty. The vote was unanimous. Ben is employed by the State office of Farmers Home Administration, and has been associated with the annual Achievement Day at the Texas State Fair. Each year over 300 farm families are honored with the award of certificates and gifts for having paid out their Farm Ownership loan ahead of maturity. That it has become such an outstanding success in no small measure is due to the indefatigable work and Irish wit of Mr. Garitty. As chairman of the gifts and awards committee and because of his wide acquaintance with many executives of firms allied

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A GOOD MAN NEVER

DIES!

A good man never dies in worthy deed and prayer
And helpful hands and honest eyes, if smiles or
tears be there:

Who lives for you and me---lives for the world
he tries

To help---he lives eternally. A good man never dies!

Who lives to bravely take his share of toil and
stress,

And, for his weaker fellow's sake, makes every
burden less,

He may, at last, seem worn---lie fallen, hands
and eyes

Folded---yet, though we mourn and mourn, a good
man never dies!

---James Whitcomb Riley.

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NO GREAT DEED IS EVER DONE BY THOSE WHO DEMAND
A CERTAINTY.

C. HILARY MOSELEY SPEAKS AT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

At the regular monthly meeting of the USDA Club Board of Directors the speaker was C. Hilary Moseley, head of the PMA Commodity Office. Mr. Moseley gave a cogent talk on the ramifications of the far-flung PMA organization which was both interesting and revealing. Some of the problems which such a many-sided agency has to cope with were touched on briefly, as were the many opportunities for service which PMA accepts as a challenge to its people, both in the local office and in the field. Mr. Moseley stressed the problem of food supply in a rapidly-expanding world population and emphasized the important part the American farmer plays in meeting that problem.

Part of the work of PMA is concerned with coordinating the individual efforts of these American farmers, and to help bring the producer and consumer together to the mutual benefit of each. His talk was received with appreciative interest by one of the largest turnouts of the year.

BEN GARITTY MEMBER OF MONTH...(Cont'd from 1)

With agriculture he has secured many valuable gift awards for presentation to farm families. These items have included such valuable listings as farm tractors, stalk cutters, cotton sprayers, and tractor tires; insecticides; electrical appliances, defense bonds, merchandise certificates, baby chicks and corn-cobs, amusement tickets, hotel accommodations, and dinner parties. Needless to say, Mr. Garitty has spent many hours of his own time as well as money, in running down all these items and coaxing them from the merchants for the good cause.

In addition to getting the prizes he has served as master of ceremonies in such a way that those not getting anything felt as good--almost--as the more lucky ones. This speaks well for his genial tact. He has also served as chairman or member of the committee of arrangements and transportation, and that is some job, too when you consider that it involves transportation and hotel rooms for as many as a thousand farmers and their families, inclusive. (Try getting one room for yourself during the Fair season!)

Ben is a native Texan, graduate of Texas A & M College—he is known to his classmates as "Mr A & M of '22"—is a past president of the Dallas (Page 4, please)

Did You Know...

...That there are more retired physicians than active ones? There are about 200,000 retired doctors in the U.S. and approximately 164,000 engaged in active practice.....

...Did you know that the expression "The Seven Seas" is incorrect? Actually, there are 17 seas and four oceans. How many can you name?

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CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES HERE, FOLKS!

The deadline of December 2 is rapidly approaching after which USDA Members will be unable to take advantage of the special prices on candy offered by Russell Stover Candy Co., and Andes Candies. Billy Cox and his Employee Welfare Committee has done such a good publicity job on the attractive prices quoted that we won't bother to repeat them here. If you don't know who your agency representative is call Billy at station 449 for the information.

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LAUGH IT OFF!

Is your life an uphill fight? Laugh it off!
Are you cheated of your right? Laugh it off!
Don't make tragedy of trifles—
Don't shoot butterflies with rifles—
Laugh it off!

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PLEASE NOTE THE NEW FEDERAL TELEPHONE NUMBER HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM RI-6951 to ST-5611 !!!

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We are more or less inclined to look upon Thanksgiving as a holiday to be observed once a year sometime in the month of November. But if we are fully awake to the many rights, privileges, and blessings we as Americans enjoy, and which no one else in all the world does enjoy in like measure if at all, then we will come to realize that for us fortunate people true thanksgiving shouldn't be a once-a-year affair but an every-day, every-hour-on-the-hour-(and in-between!) living, breathing reality.

Do you agree?

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WELFARE COMMITTEE ADDS
ANOTHER TO LIST!

Billy Cox, Chairman of the Employees Welfare Committee states that the J.G. Boyd Company, 4230 Ross, will honor all USDA Club membership cards with a dealers-cost plus 10 per cent discount on cash purchases from their complete stock of air conditioning products and electrical appliances, such as freezers, washers, TV sets.

THESE FOODS ARE IN PLENTIFUL SUPPLY!

High up on the list of plentiful foods for the November-December period must come that strictly American bird, the turkey. It will be in full stock for Thanksgiving buying and every indication points to reasonable prices in the stores. A record crop of 59 million birds—13 per cent above last year—are being marketed. Prices are slightly lower than last year, and should continue so.

Holiday nuts such as filberts, almonds, and walnuts will be particularly plentiful for the festive season. Although the supply is a bit below 1951 production is well above the ten-year average from 1941 to 1951.

Supplies of raisins will be great enough to warrant special sales, and with it, special prices.

Other foods in the plentiful category are honey, pork, frozen fish, lard and vegetable shortening, and dried baby lima beans.

Oranges and grapefruit are loading the grocer shelves, with oranges showing a record high in total production. The 61 million boxes of early and mid-season varieties reflects a 20 % increase over the last ten-year average, and 8 % over 1951. Prices on both oranges and grapefruit should be reasonable.

(Our thanks to John J. Slaughter, PMA Food Distribution Branch, for this helpful and timely information. Wynn Goode and Paul Phillips deserve a hand for their special assist, also)

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A TAKING GIRL !

She took my hand in sheltered nooks
She took my candy and my books,
She took that lustrous wrap of fur
She took those gloves I bought for her!
She took my words of love and care,
She took my flowers rich and rare,
She took my jewels with a smile,
She took my time for quite awhile!
She took my kisses, maid so shy,
She took, I must confess, my eye,
She took whatever I would buy,
And then she took another guy!

(This poor fellow is just waking up to the fact that she "took" him, too!)

(And we apologize for taking up your time!)

BEN GARITTY...(From page 2)

A & M Club and has served on the Board of Directors of the student alumni association.

Ben has always been active in some phase of public service, in addition to his other interests. He has long been active in both scout work and the Dads Clubs of both elementary and high school. In 1945-46 he was recognized as "Dad of the Year".

He is a member of the Oak Cliff Kiwanis Club and on the committee which is sponsoring the distribution of registered pigs and heifers to 4-H boys and girls of Dallas County.

Ben has been a Federal Employee since 1934 and at present is an engineer in the Farm Ownership section of Farmers Home State Office. He has always been active in USDA Club projects, and is always ready to extend a helping hand to those less fortunate. It has been said that Ben's life is an exemplification of the quotation, "No man stands more erect than when he bends down to help an unfortunate."

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IT'S A TEXAS FACT!...(From page 1)

The mystery of the breaking thermometers was cleared up by John W. Lindblom, PMA specialist, who ascertained that the mercury dropped so fast when the blue northerers struck that it broke the bottom of the glass enclosure. At his suggestion all thermometers now sold in the Panhandle come equipped with self-adjusting shock absorbers, and in addition, each one has its own custom-made overcoat to ward off some of the cold.

This is just another instance of the unusual character of anything Texan, and points up, also, the ingenuity of PMA employees when called upon to demonstrate their resourcefulness when confronted with any sort of problem.

IT'S A TEXAS FACT!

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Today is the Tomorrow you worried about Yesterday.

Worry is the interest you pay on the troubles that never occur.

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WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED TO TELL ALL REMEMBER, THEY CAN'T HANG YOU FOR WHAT YOU DON'T SAY!

FOR SALE!

Model 94 Winchester 30-30 Rifle. Bought new this season - almost brand-new. Sell below wholesale cost. F. H. Barles, Extn. 837.

Reconditioned Boy's Bicycle. 24-inch frame, new balloon tires, new chain, new saddle - good shape. Attractive price. To see - call Dan L. Boyd, Extn. 879.

9 cu. ft. Westinghouse Electric Refrigerator. Less than 2 years old - near-perfect condition. Half price. Extn. 2044.

6-volume set of Sandburg's "Life of Lincoln" Excellent for library, or Christmas gift. New. Call the editor, Extn. 2044

LONG DROUTH BROKEN

Slow, soaking rains over the drouth-stricken areas of North and West Texas has been of immeasurable benefit to farmers and stockmen, and broken one of the longest, most disastrous drouths of recent record.

Although too late to be of maximum benefit, it will be worth many millions of dollars to the State, speaking in terms of money, and of spiritual value beyond computation. (We had begun to think the Lord had forsaken us because of our misdeeds!)

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